

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-17 and 21-33 have been examined. Claims 17, 22 and 26 have been amended. Claim 21 has been canceled. New claim 34 has been added. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 3-13, 15, 16 and 31 and 33 and the indicated allowability of claims 21-29. Examination of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 17 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Weston. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, in order to expedite prosecution, independent claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 21 which was indicated to be allowable. Hence, the rejection of claim 17 is rendered moot. Claim 30 depends from claim 17, making the rejection as to claim 30 moot as well.

Added Claim

Claims 34 has been added to rewrite claim 29 in independent form. Since this claim was indicated to be allowable, claim 34 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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PATENT

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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